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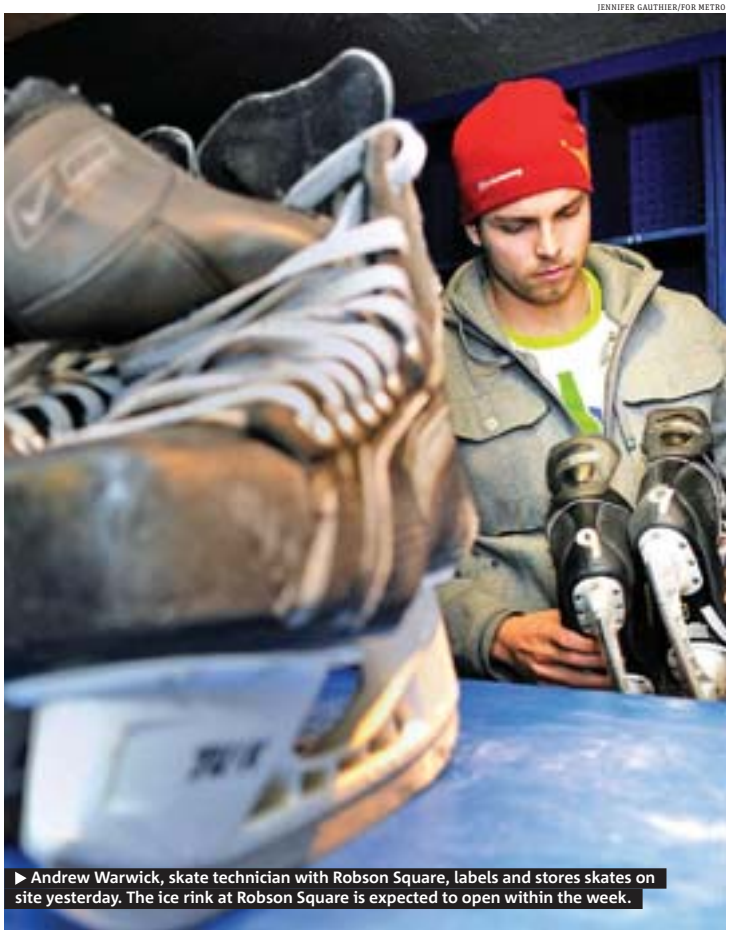

▶ Andrew Warwick, skate technician with Robson Square, labels and stores skates on site yesterday. The ice rink at Robson Square is expected to open within the week.

# Rink at Robson to return

**Rumour is ice rink will be open after Santa Claus parade A 50-foot Christmas tree is set to be lit on the Robson Square side of Vancouver Art Gallery on Thursday evening Plans also in works for year-round activities at Robson Square**

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Grab your skates — the ice rink at Robson Square is making a much-anticipated comeback, possibly by this weekend.

Workers were on site yesterday unpacking skates and preparing to flood the surface to make ice.

"We had some refrigeration problems, but all should be resolved," said Ron Fell of Smart Ice Consulting. "We should be skating by Sunday."

Andrew Warwick, a skate technician with Robson Square who worked at the rink during the Olympics, said he thinks it will be popular again this year.

"We offer something you can't get anywhere else in town," he said. "It's a nice place for a skate in the evening."

Warwick said the rink should be ready for skaters by Sunday afternoon.

Mary McNeil, minister of Citizens' Services, said she couldn't confirm Sunday as opening day, but said she hopes to transform Robson Square into a permanent and vibrant community gathering place.

"For me that was the best part of the Olympics, being around (Robson Square)," said McNeil.

She added the ice rink could be Vancouver's version of Rockefeller Centre in New York City or Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto.

"(It) was designed to do exactly that way back when Arthur Erickson first designed it, and we saw the potential last year during the Olympics," McNeil said.

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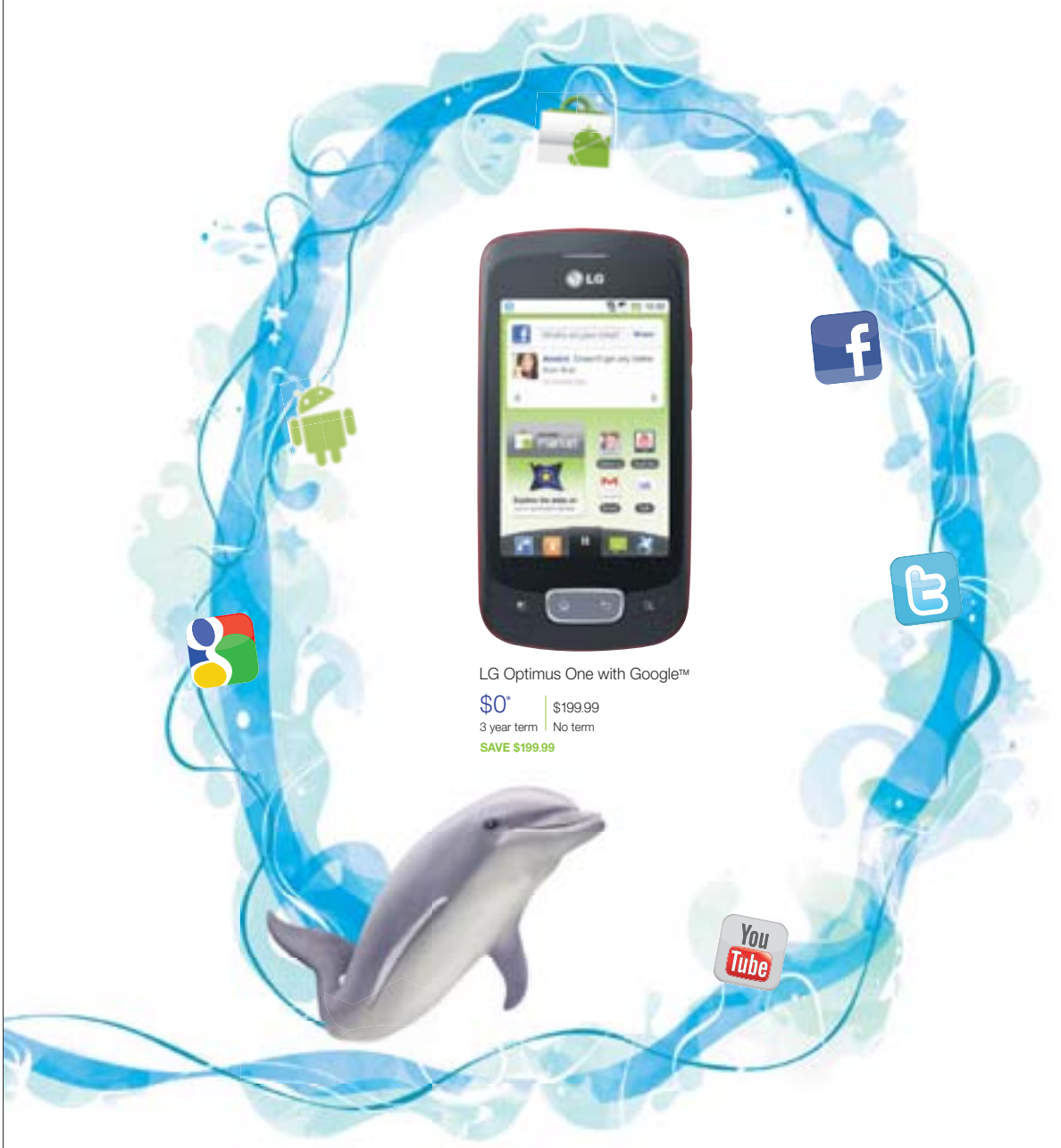


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## Province lags on child protection: Watchdog

B.C.'s children's watchdog says the provincial government is dragging its heels on beefing up child protection measures as recommended in a report dating back four years, but the government insists major progress is being made.

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond says the children's ministry has implemented less than half the 62 recommendations in a report by former judge Ted Hughes, to strengthen B.C'.s child protection system.

But Children's Minister Mary Polak insists that 80 per cent of Hughes' recommendations have been implemented or are being addressed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Mike de Jong

## De Jong to make bid for premiership

Longtime provincial cabinet minister Mike de Jong is expected to announce his entry into the B.C. Liberal leadership race tomorrow, making him the fourth declared candidate in the contest to succeed Premier Gordon Campbell.

De Jong is one of the province's longest-serving Liberal MLAs, having first been elected in a 1994 by-election. METRO

**Woodward's.** Throwback

▶ David Rowland, president of Creatix Studios, assembles a Woodward's window display inside the TD Canada Trust in the Woodward's development yesterday.

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## Animatronic displays nod at past

**The holiday displays that once graced the windows of the Woodward's in Vancouver have been brought back to life almost two decades after the iconic department store closed its doors. Six '60s-era animatronic displays will be seen at different locations downtown, including one at the Woodward's development.**

# Liberal youth lock horns

- Support of Abbott by executive committee called 'conflict of interest'
- SFU, UBC club presidents denounce endorsement in statement

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The leaders of the youth wing of the B.C. Liberal Party came under fire yesterday after making what is being called a "premature" endorsement of former cabinet minister George Abbott as their party's next leader.

Released yesterday by four members of the party's youth executive, the endorsement, which critics say was improperly launched without the approval of the Young Liberals board, was given to media under the headline "Executive Endorses George Abbott." All four executives are formally involved in the Abbott for Leader campaign.

"This is another example of an executive that has grown more and more out of touch with the membership base," said James Plett, who sits on the BCYL board as head of the Simon Fraser University Liberals club. "I've been talking to other club presidents, and they're all disappointed."

Chris Sandve, past president of the BCYL, and one of the four endorsers, stated that the executives' decision was made solely as individuals, and was not meant to imply an "institutional endorsement."

"If any board members want to come out and endorse their own candidates, that's great too," he said.

# Workback on truck leads Mounties to body

Police in Vanderhoof are being credited with catching an alleged killer after stopping a suspicious truck on an old logging road and following its tracks to a murdered teenager.

The body of Loren Donn Leslie, 15, was found on the side of the road. She was from Fraser Lake.

RCMP Cpl. Dan Moskaluk said that it appears the girl had been murdered hours earlier. He did not say how she died.

Cody Alan Legebokoff, 20, from Prince George, is charged with first-degree murder.

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▶ Loren Leslie

## News in brief

### Campbell still backs scuttled income tax cut

**POLITICS.** Premier Gordon Campbell still supports the income tax cut he promised in a TV address in October — a cut later cancelled after Campbell announced he was stepping down as Liberal leader. The 15 per cent income tax reduction has the potential to create 11,000 jobs in the province.
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### Convention centre's roof wins award

**GREEN.** The living roof of the Vancouver Convention Centre has won the 2010 Award of Excellence by Green Roofs for Healthy Cities. The award will be bestowed at the CitiesAlive conference in Vancouver on Thursday.
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# U.S. considers legal action vs. WikiLeaks

**Obama administration feels the heat after cables go public ◆ U.S. vows to improve safety measures**

WIKI LEAKS

**The other side**

**WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange alleges that the Obama administration was trying to cover up evidence of serious "human rights abuse and other criminal behaviour" by the U.S. government. WikiLeaks posted the documents just hours after it claimed its website had been hit by a cyberattack that made it inaccessible for much of the day.**

The Obama administration moved forcefully yesterday to contain damage from the release of more than a quarter-million classified diplomatic files, branding the action as an attack on the United States and raising the prospect of legal action against online whistleblower WikiLeaks.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said that WikiLeaks acted illegally in posting the material. She said the Obama administration was taking "aggressive steps to hold responsible those who stole this information."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the United States would not rule out taking action against WikiLeaks. Attorney General Eric Holder said the administration would prosecute if violations of federal law are found in a criminal investigation of the incident currently under way.

Gibbs said President Barack Obama was briefed on the impending massive leak last week and was "not pleased" about the breach of classified documents. "This is a serious violation of the law," Gibbs said.

"This is a serious threat to individuals that both carry out and assist in our foreign policy."

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**S. Korea.** Protest

▶ A member of the Korea Disabled Veterans Organization strikes effigies.

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## Anger erupts over island attack

**Protesters burned effigies yesterday of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and his son Kim Jong Un during a rally in Gwangju, South Korea, denouncing last Tuesday's North Korean bombardment of the border island of Yeonpyeong. South Korea's president has vowed tough consequences for any future attack.**

## Picassos pop up

**$106.5M In May, Nude, Green Leaves and Bust, a 1932 Picasso, set a record for art, selling for $106.5 million US.**

A retired electrician in France says that 271 of Pablo Picasso's creations have been sitting for decades in his garage.

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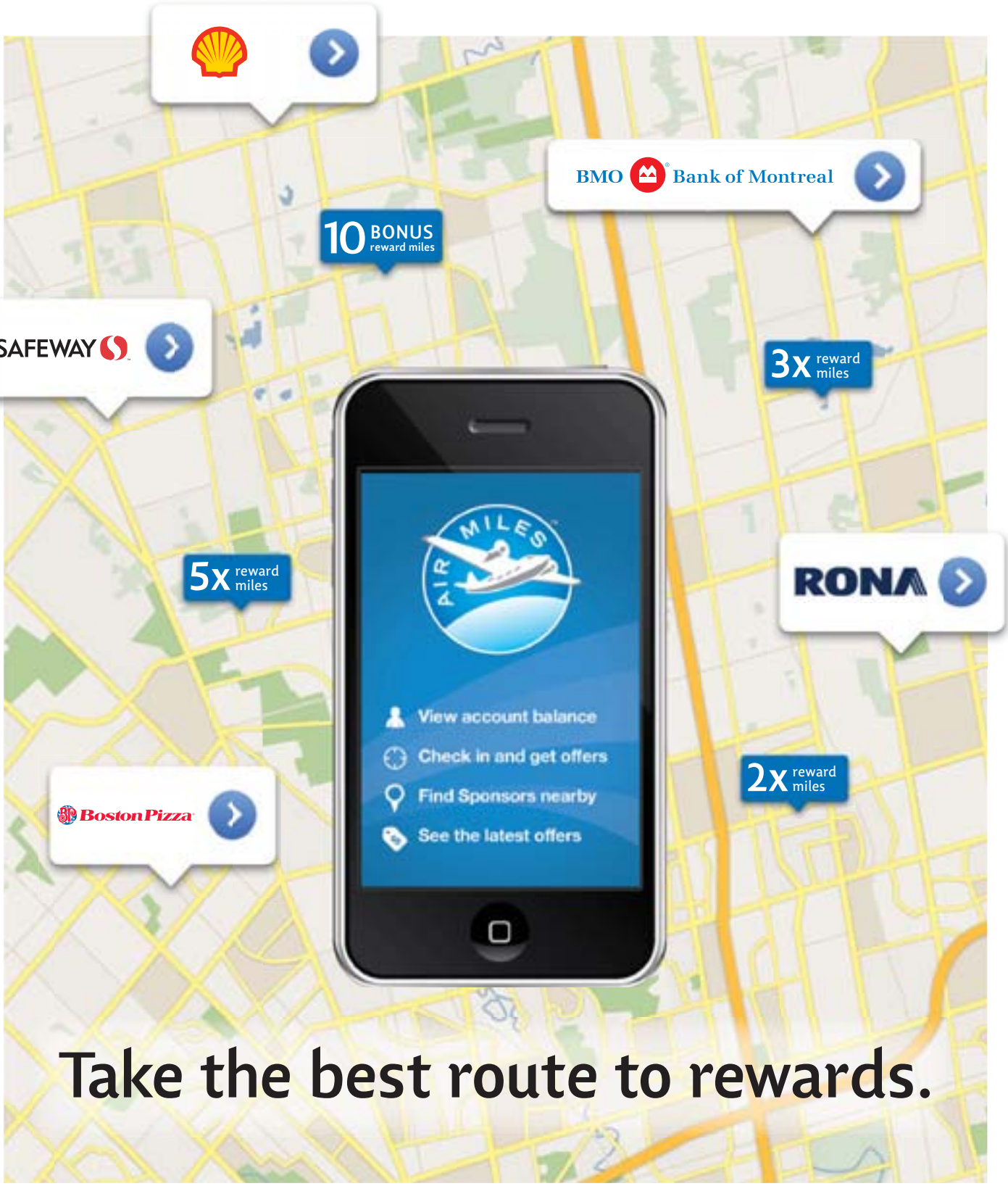


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**Airline.** Merger

▶ Willie Walsh, CEO-elect of IAG, leaves London to meet Iberia colleagues.

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## Two airlines on the verge of a merger

**Shareholders in British Airways PLC and Iberia SA approved an $8.9-billion US merger, announced earlier this year, that will create Europe's third largest airline.**

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**A Royal Bank report suggested housing affordability improved nationally by 1.4 to 2.5 percentage points from the second quarter, depending on the type of property, but remained above the long-term average.**

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# Astral radio to go mobile

### Astral apps compatible with iPhone, BlackBerry and Android smartphones to go live early 2011

Astral Media Inc. says it has inked an agreement to beam its radio stations to mobile devices across Canada under a three-year deal with UBC Media Group.

The pact will include the creation of software applications for smartphones that allow listeners to enter contests, use social networking, stream live music events, buy music and interact directly with on-air personalities and with each other, Astral said yesterday.

Scheduled to go live in early 2011, the mobile applications will be compatible with Apple's iPhones, BlackBerrys and Google-powered Android smartphones.

Radio station applications for phones are becoming increasingly popular and are already used by satellite radio providers.

"These new mobile applications will allow us to deliver a rich digital content offering integrated with a deep social media platform," said Rob Farina, executive vice-president of content and platforms for Astral Radio and Orbyt Media, a division of Astral.

"The rollout of these exciting applications will be a game-changer from a user experience standpoint across all our platforms."

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# CHEAPNESS MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A VIRTUE

**She says ...**

**JESSICA NAPIER**

**This is a story about my co-worker Phillip.**

Phillip and I happen to share the same birthday. And this is where the similarities end. While I've been known to be a bit reckless with my spending, he is much more conservative when it comes to finances.

If I were polite I would call Phillip extremely frugal. But instead, I'll be honest and call him cheap. He brings penny-pinching, coupon clipping and discount shopping to a whole new level.

In addition to his actual job, Phillip runs a small convenience store out of his cubicle. On any given day his filing cabinet holds chocolate bars, trail mix, bags of chips and even packages of Tums for overindulgent co-workers. He dispenses his wares at an exorbitant premium, making a significant profit off of snack-happy office mates. Phillip has a strict pricing policy; he doesn't permit haggling and will not sell you a handful of Skittles at a discount.

Despite daily arguments over the cost of a single mini Kit-Kat bar (50 cents each or three for a dollar) Phillip's stingy attitude can also be a helpful (if not hilarious) addition to the daily 9-5 grind. He routinely circulates emails that alert office staff to special sales and discounts that might be of interest.

**"On the heels of Black Friday and the general insanity of holiday shopping, I've started thinking that maybe gratuitous spending isn't so great, even if it is in the name of all things festive."**

So why should you care about any of this?

We're all inclined to be a bit generous with our paycheques around the holidays. Every year, I splurge on gifts for loved ones only to wind up plunging into a debt despair come January.

This year, Phillip — my perpetually penny-wise friend — has been encouraging me to give up my wanton ways and come over to the cheap side. Ninety per cent of his gift giving is reliant on whatever those group-buying coupon websites offer in the weeks leading up to the holidays.

What a Grinch.

But maybe he's onto something. On the heels of Black Friday and the general insanity of holiday shopping, I've started thinking that maybe gratuitous spending isn't so great, even if it is in the name of all things festive. In the face of crazed consumerism, cheapness might actually be a virtue. And perhaps a little retail restraint is just what we all need this holiday season.

*Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays*

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# 12 days equals $100K

**Worth mentioning**

In the unlikely event that your Christmas list this year includes every item mentioned in The Twelve Days Of Christmas, be prepared to pay nearly $100,000.

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So you might want to try for one of everything. That would cost only $23,439, or 9.2 per cent more than last year.

**Holiday index**

The 27th annual holiday index has historically mirrored the U.S. Consumer Price Index, but not this year. The PNC Christmas Price Index grew 9.2 per cent from last year, compared with just a 1.1 per cent increase in the much broader Consumer Price Index.

Also, gold prices are high — which pushed the cost of five gold rings up 30 per cent to $649.95 — as was the cost of hiring entertainers.

The most expensive item on the list was $6,294.03 to hire nine ladies dancing, a 15 per cent increase from last year. The cheapest was $12 for one partridge, a 20 per cent increase.

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# Metro Minute at Wish Breakfast

A truly selfless — and delicious — Vancouver holiday tradition enters its 23rd year today, as the Pan Pacific hotel hosts its annual Christmas Wish Breakfast.

Between 6 and 9 a.m., in exchange for a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation, visitors can enjoy a free, sit-down breakfast in the fun and festive setting of the hotel's Café Pacifica. For those willing to spend the morning, live music and local media celebrities promise to keep guests entertained, while an "express lane" with coffee and doughnuts for donors in a rush will also be available.

Since 1987, the Pan Pacific Wish Breakfast has collected thousands of toys and dollars for some of Vancouver's neediest children.

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**From the future Queen of England to the guidos and guidettes of the Jersey Shore, Barbara Walters reveals the most fascinating people of the year 16-year-old Justin Bieber and 88-year-old Betty White also sit down to talk with legendary broadcaster**

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▶ The cast of the Jersey Shore.

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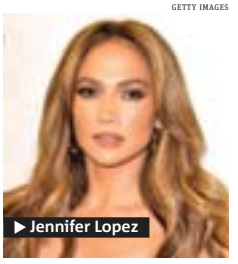

▶ Jennifer Lopez

# 2010's most fascinating people

What does octogenarian funny lady Betty White share with teen singing sensation Justin Bieber? What do film star Sandra Bullock and hoops star LeBron James have in common?

All are among this year's crop of The 10 Most Fascinating People, as harvested by Barbara Walters from the fields of entertainment, sports and world affairs.

Also on the list: GOP superstar Sarah Palin, incoming American Idol judge Jennifer Lopez, royal fiancée Kate Middleton and the entire cast of MTV's Jersey Shore. Two more Most Fascinating People are yet to be disclosed, and, as usual, the 10th name will be kept under wraps until the ABC News special airs Dec. 9 at 10 p.m.

This is the 18th year Walters has presented her roundup of the biggest and most buzzworthy. But this year, there's more. She's got a companion special the same night.

An hour earlier Walters is hosting Oprah, The Next Chapter. It's an in-depth visit with Winfrey as she readies OWN, her new cable network launching Jan. 1, and roars down the home stretch of her daytime talk show's final season.

On the program, Winfrey will discuss her new network, the reason she's doing it and concerns she has for its success — "it's a huge leap of faith," Walters said.

Winfrey also talks "very personally" about her relationships with best friend Gayle King and longtime partner Stedman Graham.

On The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010, the conversation is personal, too, when Walters sits down with White.

At 88, White has enjoyed a year of triumphs and much-deserved attention as an actress-comedian who is full of life, but during her interview, "she talks about how she feels about death," said Walters, adding, "She still wants to have sex."

Palin — the former governor and vice-presidential candidate — is one of Walters' most fascinating people for a record third consecutive year.

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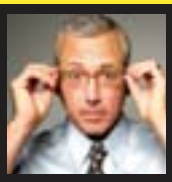
## Scene in brief



Addiction specialist Dr. Drew Pinsky will have a new prime-time show weeknights on HLN starting next spring. Pinsky hosts Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew on VH1. His HLN show is expected to be more of a talk show, where he discusses news stories that fit into his area of expertise. Pinsky says he's looking forward to the chance to "really explain the choices that people make."

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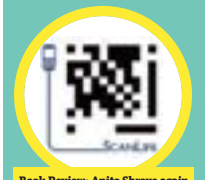

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# Justin Bieber gets ready for crucial change

- His voice hasn't broken yet, but it will soon
- Working with Usher's voice coach

While his star continues to rise, there are concerns over how exactly teen sensation Justin Bieber's voice is dropping.

"Justin is physically developing at a slower rate than most guys so his voice is only breaking now," a source tells the News of the World.

"He's working with the best in the business, a specialist called Jan Smith, to make sure he gets as much vocal rest as humanly possible for a working pop star.

It's the same people who worked with Usher when his voice broke.

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▶ Justin needs to rest his voice.

# Hathaway, Franco will host Oscars

James Franco and Anne Hathaway have just what Academy Awards producers want as hosts of Hollywood's biggest night. They'll put on a show, rather than just another awards ceremony, organizers say.

Bruce Cohen and Don Mischer, producers of the Feb. 27 telecast, said Monday they had chosen Franco and Hathaway as hosts because the two are rising stars with broad talent that will help turn the night into a celebration of film.

"What we have here are two really emerging talents who are very respected and are going to have, I think, magnificent careers," Mischer said.

Both have done serious drama and comedy. Hathaway earned a best-actress Oscar nomination for 2008's Rachel Getting Married and starred in such comedies as The Princess Diaries and The Devil Wears Prada.

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# Spider-Man left hanging

Spider-Man's web has gotten tangled on Broadway.

Several delays and at least two actors left dangling from cables marred the first preview of the mega-musical Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark.

According to published reports, Sunday night's performance of the reported $65 million show ran over three hours because flying tricks went wrong and the musical had to stop at least five times.

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▶ Researchers in Alberta have shown there is a link between HIV/AIDS and neurological disease.

# HIV linked to brain disease: Researchers

**Neurological problems shown to be common among AIDS patients ◐ No longer universally fatal, antiretroviral drugs are helping to improve survival rate ◐ Still a long way to go though**

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Rita Tekeste, age 34, is HIV positive.

Since she was diagnosed with the infection seven years ago, she has been on antiretroviral medications, which keep her virus under control while she raises two children, works, and volunteers at the Southern Alberta HIV Clinic in Calgary.

But starting in 2007, Tekeste had some new problems: horrendous headaches, debilitating seizures and loss of memory.

Thanks to one of her physicians, Dr. Chris Powers, the world now knows that neurological problems like this are fairly common in people with HIV/AIDS patients.

He and colleagues recently published results of an important 10-year study linking HIV to neurological disease.

"In a nutshell we showed that despite the availability of antiretroviral drugs, neurological disease is common, occurring in over 20 per cent of those with HIV," Dr. Powers told Metro.

He is a professor in neurology at the universities of Alberta and Calgary and Canada Research Chair in Neurological Infection and Immunity.

**"It is not universally fatal the way it was before."**
DR. CHRIS POWERS

Tekeste is now feeling OK. She's on medications to control her seizures and headaches, as well as taking a cocktail of HIV drugs.

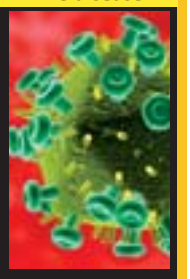
Overall, there is good news on the HIV front, thanks to the dozens of HIV medications now on the market in Canada.

"Yes, it is not universally fatal the way it was before, because of the availability of antiretrovirals," says Power. But there is bad news too.

"Survival depends on drug cocktails that are hard to take, expensive and toxic. And survival is still much less than in the general population and particularly bad if you have neurological disease."

The study included 1,651 people infected with HIV who were being treated at the Southern Alberta Clinic in Calgary between 1998 and 2008; in those 10 years, 404 of them had neurological problems such as seizures, dementia, nerve pain in their hands and feet, memory loss, headaches and migraines.

## The disease



The HIVAIDS epidemic is changing. In Canada, 65,000 people lived with HIV infection in 2008, an increase of 14 per cent since 2005, reports Health Canada. Gay men continue to be the group most affected by HIV in Canada, amounting to 44 per cent of those infected.

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**Beyond stem cells: Scientists transform skin cells to nerve, heart, blood cells**

## Zoonotic

**HIV/AIDS is far from the only disease that comes to us from animals. These viruses, bacteria and other nasty bugs are called "zoonotic infections" and there are more than 500 of them, according to the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health. Here is a partial list of other disease:**

- H1N1 from pigs
- West Nile virus from birds
- Measles from cattle
- Rabies from dogs
- HIV from monkeys
- Lyme disease from ticks
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# A crab cake favourite

**Preparation:**

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Then, to make remoulade: In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, pepper jelly, capers, gherkins, parsely and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Cut two ends off each potato, then cut each in half across the centre to create two rounds. Place in bowl and cover with hot water. Allow to rest for 10 minutes.
3. Remove potatoes from water and dry well. Place potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet and toss with oil, salt and pepper.
4. Arrange potatoes in an even layer on baking sheet, then roast for 15 minutes. Use a spatula to flip each round, then roast for another 15 minutes or until they are cripsy and browned on the outside and tender on the inside.
5. While potatoes cook, make crab cakes. Crumble stale bread into a medium bowl and add milk. All the bread should absorb all the milk. Add remaining crab cake ingredients and mix until incorporated.
6. Form mixture into 20 miniature patties, about the size of a tablespoon.
7. When potatoes are cooked, transfer them to paper towels to drain any excess oil. Carefully place crab cakes on hot pan and return to oven. Cook for 5 minutes, then turn on broiler. Brown crab cakes on one side, two minutes, flip crab cakes over and broil them until browned on the other side.
8. Arrange potatoes on a platter. Top each one with a crab cake, then drop a small dallop of remoulade. Serve immediately. Makes 20.

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**Ingredients:**

**REMOULADE**
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) mayonnaise
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) hot pepper jelly
- 50 ml (1 tsp) capers, chopped
- 15 ml (tbsp) chopped sweet gherkins
- 15 ml (1 tsbp) chopped fresh parsley
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and black pepper

**POTATOES**
- 10 baby red potatoes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

**CRAB CAKES**
- 2 slices stale bread, crusts removed
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbps) Worcestershire sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped parsley
- 5 ml 1 tbsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tbsp) Old Bay seasoning
- 1 egg, beaten
- 500 g (1 lb) lump crabmeat


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**I'm a vegetarian but my husband-to-be is a carnivore. We're on the verge of moving in together, but he's upset that I won't allow meat in the house. Can a vegetarian and meat-lover ever live happily ever after?**

**Angela says...**
Relationships are all about compromise and it doesn't seem fair to all out ban meat from the house if your loved one partakes.

You will both need to figure out how to have meat around, while being respectful of each other's food choices. This will be a logistical challenge, no doubt. But remember that sharing meals can be a very intimate activity you do together as a couple — whether it's cooking together, preparing a treat for your honey or stocking the fridge for your loved one. You don't want to feel as though you're college roommates labelling one half of the fridge.

**Derek says...**
During our honeymoon, Angela and I visited her family in southern Italy. When we arrived at their house, one of the first sentences out of my new zia's mouth was "We're having rabbit for dinner. We killed it this afternoon in your honour."

I learned, you can't force a meat-eater to go green.

# The award for worst sex goes to...

Canadian author Annabel Lyon has not written the year's worst literary sex scene.

Lyon had been short listed for the Literary Review Bad Sex in Fiction award, but the dubious honour ultimately went to Irish author Rowan Somerville for The Shape of Her.

Judges of the annual literary award said they were especially impressed by a passage comparing lovemaking to "a lepidopterist mounting a tough-skinned insect."

The animal imagery continues elsewhere in the novel, a tale of desire and memory set on a Greek island. One character's fingers are described as "tender enough to hold a tiny bird."

The prize, founded in 1993 by Literary Review magazine, aims to draw attention to "the crude, tasteless, and often perfunctory use of redundant passages of sexual description in contemporary novels."

Somerville, who was born in Britain and lives in Ireland, took his victory in good humour, noting that "there is nothing more English than bad sex."

He said he was honoured to be shortlisted alongside authors like Australia's Christos Tsiolkas – for The Slap.

Lyon was in the running for The Golden Mean, which was nominated for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's Award and won the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

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# THE USHER THAT STOLE HER HEART

▶ Kevin and Heather

## How We Met: Kevin & Heather

**Names: Kevin, 22, and Heather, 20**

**Current city: Toronto**

**Together since: 2009**

**Their story:**

"I was 16 years old the first time I (Heather) met Kevin. We were at a party and although he was very charming and persistent, I wasn't interested that night (I was only 16!)...

Fast-forward almost three years, and I'd been asked to serve as a bridesmaid in my cousin's wedding.

The only thing in my mind was 'I hope my usher is cute!' Shallow? Sure. But I was 19 and had been through my fair share of frogs.

My cousin and her fiancé held a barbecue mixer so that all the bridesmaids and ushers could get to know one another. It was a hot day in July, and I definitely dressed to impress that afternoon!

My cousin introduced me to this semi-tall, slightly chubby guy—I saw him as the portrait of perfection! He was exactly who I pictured as my ideal man.

It turned out he was the usher to my bridesmaid, and he was that same cute, eager boy from three years earlier. We talked that whole night and quickly became inseparable. He swept me off my feet this time around, and I knew from then on that I didn't want to live without him. It was definitely love at second sight!"

# How to give with a purpose

**This year, putting some thought into giving is sure to make your charitable donation a lot more meaningful**

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'Tis the season of giving but, like anything to do with money, having a plan really improves both the experience and the outcome.

First of all, make sure the charity of your choice is registered with the federal government. The Canada Revenue Agency has been eyeing charities more carefully lately and there has been an increase in revoked registrations.

Secondly, it is almost always more beneficial to give directly to a charity rather than via a telephone or mail solicitation.

Some charities do their own mail blitzes but many hire fundraisers that take a piece of the pie.

Thirdly, don't spray your money all over the place. You will feel more connected to a couple of charities if you focus your giving than if you give little bits here and there to a dozen of them.

Choosing a charity can be overwhelming. There are so many good ones and so much need. One great place to start is with your, or your family's, heart.

My late father-in-law, Jack Cruise, was a ophthalmologist and in his 70s he travelled to India and Pakistan with Operation Eyesight Universal to perform cataract surgery in mobile clinics. By giving to that organization, my children felt connected to their grandfather.

In my single years, wild animals were at the top of my love list and I gave to the World Wildlife Fund every year.

I also find that children love causes where they get something back such as a letter, a photo or some tangible recognition that their efforts have made a difference.

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**Football**

The Montreal Alouettes are optimistic that QB Anthony Calvillo will pull through his thyroid problem and return next season to help the team try for a third straight Grey Cup, general manager Jim Popp said yesterday. "From our end, we wait patiently and hope for the best," Popp said as the Alouettes were preparing for a return to Montreal that will include a parade tomorrow. "The doctors feel very optimistic."

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# Whitecaps will be under fans' thumbs

## EA Sports deal lets gamers take the pitch at B.C. Place before players

The Vancouver Whitecaps are not only in the game, they've teamed up with the people who make it.

The expansion Major League Soccer club announced a business relationship yesterday with EA Sports, developers of the hit FIFA Soccer video game franchise.

EA Sports, whose slogan is "It's In The Game," has sold more than 100 million copies of the made-in-Burnaby game since the series began in 1993. The company joins BMO Financial Group as a founding partner of the Whitecaps, who will join MLS in 2011.

FIFA Soccer 12, next year's version of the game, will incorporate Whitecaps players.

"We're even more excited about what this sponsorship means to fans, to players of all ages and skills and the growth of our sport in our own backyard," Whitecaps CEO Paul Barber said of the EA Sports affiliation.

"This will bring the fans closer to the game and will put our club and our stadium on a global level. And that is about being a top-25 club in the world and that is what the Whitecaps aspire to be."

**Keen on Keane?**

- The Vancouver Whitecaps are playing coy over a report linking them to a move for star Irish striker Robbie Keane.
- The Sun, an English tabloid, suggested over the weekend that the Ireland captain was headed for the Major League Soccer expansion franchise.
- But Whitecaps chief executive officer Paul Barber — a former executive director of Tottenham, Keane's current club — said such speculation was premature.

The partnership with the Whitecaps is EA Sports' first with a North American soccer club. It has similar deals with high-profile European clubs like Arsenal, Chelsea and Real Madrid.

"They can have great fun in seeing Whitecaps as part of the world game," said Barber, a former executive director of Tottenham Hotspur of the English Premier League.

Toronto FC, the other Canadian MLS team, is already in the video game.

The Whitecaps will begin play at Empire Field, a temporary stadium, while B.C. Place gets renovations.

Bell Canada is a top-tier premier partner with Whitecaps and its name is on the sweaters.

The partnership with EA Sports links the team to a company that's associated with FIFA and the world's top players.

"To be amongst that is a hugely important thing for us," Barber said. "The fact that it is a local company makes it even more special for us to be involved."

EA Sports will have exclusive access to Whitecaps players for motion capture as it creates virtual players for its FIFA game. Vancouver fans and players will test early versions of its soccer products.

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▶ EA Sports shows off a shot of how newly signed Whitecaps defender Jay DeMerit might look in next year's FIFA Soccer video game when the expansion Whitecaps enter MLS.

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| Phoenix | 22 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 66 | 65 | 27 | 5-3-2-1 | 6-3-2-0 | 7-1-1-1 | L1 |
| Colorado | 23 | 13 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 83 | 71 | 27 | 7-4-0-0 | 5-6-1-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Anaheim | 26 | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 66 | 77 | 27 | 8-4-0-1 | 4-7-2-0 | 4-4-2-0 | W2 |
| San Jose | 22 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 65 | 63 | 26 | 7-3-2-0 | 4-4-2-0 | 5-2-3-0 | W1 |
| Los Angeles | 23 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 57 | 26 | 8-2-0-0 | 5-8-0-0 | 3-7-0-0 | L4 |
| Minnesota | 23 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 56 | 65 | 24 | 7-5-0-1 | 4-5-0-1 | 4-6-0-0 | L2 |
| Nashville | 22 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 60 | 23 | 3-1-3-2 | 6-7-0-0 | 4-4-0-2 | L4 |
| Calgary | 24 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 67 | 69 | 22 | 6-5-0-0 | 4-7-1-1 | 3-5-1-1 | W1 |
| Edmonton | 23 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 59 | 89 | 18 | 3-6-0-1 | 4-6-1-2 | 3-5-1-1 | W1 |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

**Last night's results**
Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Dallas 4 Carolina 1
Edmonton 4 Ottawa 1
Calgary 3 Minnesota 0
Anaheim 2 Los Angeles 0

**Sunday's results**
Atlanta 4 Boston 1
Detroit 4 Columbus 2
Washington 3 Carolina 2 (SO)

**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

## OILERS 4, SENATORS 1

**First Period**
1. Ottawa, Foligno 1 (Neil) 6:30
**Penalties** — Whitney Edm (high-sticking) 3:22, Gagner Edm (tripping) 7:11, Horcoff Edm (hooking) 17:29.
**Second Period**
2. Edmonton, Gilbert 4 (Gagner) 18:39 (pp)
**Penalties** — Winchester Ott (high-sticking) 3:29, Regin Ott (delay of game) 8:55, Winchester Ott (hooking) 13:14, Neil Ott (tripping) 17:06.
**Third Period**
3. Edmonton, Cogliano 3 (Brule, Penner) 4:19
4. Edmonton, Brule 4 (Cogliano, Penner) 12:48
5. Edmonton, Hall 6 (Horcoff, Eberle) 18:05 (en)
**Penalty** — Foligno Ott (boarding) 5:02.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edmonton | 7 | 10 | 8 | 25 |
| Ottawa | 11 | 5 | 7 | 23 |

**Goal** — Edmonton: Gerber (W,2-0-0); Ottawa: Elliott (L,10-8-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-5; Ottawa: 0-3.
**Att.** — 17,002 (19,153) at Ottawa.

## FLAMES 3, WILD 0

**First Period**
No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Regehr Cal (hooking) 6:31, Clutterbuck Minn (slashing) 18:59.
**Second Period**
1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 3 (Iginla, Tanguay) 3:08
2. Calgary, Iginla 10 (Tanguay, Giordano) 3:26
**Penalty** — Stajan Cal (hooking) 13:35.
**Third Period**
3. Calgary, Hagman 7 (Jokinen, Bourque) 18:31 (pp)
**Penalties** — Giordano Cal (interference) 7:32, Schultz Minn (hooking) 11:06, Burns Minn (tripping) 17:20.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 12 | 7 | 13 | 32 |
| Calgary | 11 | 10 | 10 | 31 |

**Goal** — Minnesota: Theodore (L,3-3-0); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,9-11-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-3; Calgary: 1-3.
**Att.** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

## SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | PT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crosby, Pgh | 18 | 22 | 40 |
| Stamkos, TB | 21 | 18 | 39 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 10 | 22 | 32 |
| Semin, Wash | 18 | 12 | 30 |
| St. Louis, TB | 8 | 21 | 29 |
| B.Richards, Dal | 11 | 17 | 28 |
| Sharp, Chi | 15 | 12 | 27 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| E.Staal, Car | 11 | 16 | 27 |
| Backstrom, Wash | 9 | 18 | 27 |
| H.Sedin, Vcr | 2 | 25 | 27 |
| Perry, Ana | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Hejduk, Col | 8 | 18 | 26 |
| C.Stewart, Col | 11 | 14 | 25 |
| Byfuglien, Atl | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| M.Richards, Pha | 9 | 16 | 25 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 7 | 18 | 25 |
| Heatley, SJ | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| Eriksson, Dal | 10 | 14 | 24 |
| P.Kane, Chi | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| Roy, Buf | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| Ladd, Atl | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Datsyuk, Det | 7 | 17 | 24 |
| Giroux, Pha | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| Plekanec, Mtl | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| Letang, Pgh | 5 | 18 | 23 |
| Liles, Col | 4 | 19 | 23 |
| Ryan, Ana | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| P.Stastny, Col | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| J.Williams, LA | 9 | 13 | 22 |
| Selanne, Ana | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| J.Thornton, SJ | 6 | 16 | 22 |
| Havlat, Minn | 5 | 17 | 22 |
| Marleau, SJ | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| Kopitar, LA | 8 | 13 | 21 |

**Not including last night's games**

# TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

### MLB

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with C Luke Carlin on a minor league contract. DETROIT TIGERS — Designated RHP Zach Miner for assignment.
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Bob Schaefer special assistant to the general manager.

## HOCKEY

### NHL

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F Matt Kassian from Houston (AHL). Reassigned F Robbie Earl to Houston.

# SOCCER

## SPAIN

### LA LIGA

**Yesterday's result**
Barcelona 5 Real Madrid 0

# TENNIS

## ATP WORLD TOUR

**MONEY LEADERS**
**Final**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Rafael Nadal | $8,571,998 |
| 2. Roger Federer | $6,698,289 |
| 3. Novak Djokovic | $3,778,857 |
| 4. Andy Murray | $3,546,805 |
| 5. Robin Soderling | $3,331,527 |
| 6. David Ferrer | $2,318,353 |
| 7. Tomas Berdych | $2,249,122 |
| 8. Andy Roddick | $1,917,612 |
| 9. Jurgen Melzer | $1,887,084 |
| 10. Fernando Verdasco | $1,771,365 |
| 11. Mikhail Youzhny | $1,725,349 |
| 12. Gael Monfils | $1,303,546 |
| 13. Sam Querrey | $1,252,096 |
| 14. Ivan Ljubicic | $1,251,619 |
| 15. Nicolas Almagro | $1,205,538 |
| 16. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga | $1,166,151 |
| 17. Marin Cilic | $1,151,955 |
| 18. Bob Bryan | $1,143,970 |
| 18. Mike Bryan | $1,143,970 |
| 20. John Isner | $1,066,839 |
| **Also** | |
| **26. Daniel Nestor** | **$905,429** |
| **198. Milos Raonic** | **$95,774** |
| **221. Peter Polansky** | **$78,491** |
| **280. Frank Dancevic** | **$52,996** |

## WTA TOUR

**MONEY LEADERS**
**Final**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Kim Clijsters | $5,035,060 |
| 2. Caroline Wozniacki | $4,446,488 |
| 3. Serena Williams | $4,266,011 |
| 4. Vera Zvonareva | $3,444,641 |
| 5. Venus Williams | $2,614,782 |
| 6. Francesca Schiavone | $2,456,634 |
| 7. Jelena Jankovic | $2,136,991 |
| 8. Sam Stosur | $2,090,340 |
| 9. Elena Dementieva | $1,896,690 |
| 10. Victoria Azarenka | $1,652,028 |
| 11. Justine Henin | $1,401,960 |
| 12. Flavia Pennetta | $1,357,078 |
| 13. Svetlana Kuznetsova | $1,345,564 |
| 14. Aravane Rezai | $1,282,538 |
| 15. Li Na | $1,158,898 |
| 16. Agnieszka Radwanska | $1,144,750 |
| 17. Shahar Peer | $1,122,052 |
| 18. Nadia Petrova | $1,090,595 |
| 19. Gisela Dulko | $1,054,620 |
| 20. Yaroslava Shvedova | $984,037 |
| **Also** | |
| **85. Aleksandra Wozniak** | **$199,811** |
| **150. Stephanie Dubois** | **$90,780** |
| **152. Rebecca Marino** | **$86,183** |
| **198. Heidi El Tabakh** | **$51,949** |

**Not including last night's games**

# NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 12 | 4 | .750 | — |
| New York | 9 | 9 | .500 | 4 |
| New Jersey | 6 | 11 | .353 | 6½ |
| Toronto | 6 | 11 | .353 | 6½ |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 13 | .235 | 8½ |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 12 | 4 | .750 | — |
| Atlanta | 11 | 7 | .611 | 2 |
| Miami | 10 | 8 | .556 | 3 |
| Charlotte | 6 | 11 | .353 | 6½ |
| Washington | 5 | 11 | .313 | 7 |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 9 | 6 | .600 | — |
| Indiana | 8 | 7 | .533 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 7 | 9 | .438 | 2½ |
| Detroit | 6 | 11 | .353 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 6 | 11 | .353 | 4 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 14 | 2 | .875 | — |
| Dallas | 13 | 4 | .765 | 1½ |
| New Orleans | 12 | 5 | .706 | 2½ |
| Memphis | 7 | 10 | .412 | 7½ |
| Houston | 5 | 12 | .294 | 9½ |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Utah | 14 | 5 | .737 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 12 | 6 | .667 | 1½ |
| Denver | 10 | 6 | .625 | 2½ |
| Portland | 8 | 8 | .500 | 4½ |
| Minnesota | 4 | 13 | .235 | 9 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 13 | 4 | .765 | — |
| Golden State | 8 | 9 | .471 | 5 |
| Phoenix | 8 | 9 | .471 | 5 |
| Sacramento | 4 | 11 | .267 | 8 |
| L.A. Clippers | 3 | 15 | .167 | 10½ |

**Last night's results**
Miami 105 Washington 94
Oklahoma City 95 New Orleans 89
Dallas 101 Houston 91
Utah 109 Milwaukee 88

**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

## SCORING AVERAGE

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Durant, OKC | 15 | 135 | 118 | 411 | 27.4 |
| Rose, CHI | 14 | 144 | 66 | 372 | 26.6 |
| Bryant, LAL | 17 | 152 | 121 | 451 | 26.5 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 16 | 155 | 94 | 417 | 26.1 |
| Ellis, GOL | 17 | 161 | 78 | 424 | 24.9 |
| Gordon, LAC | 16 | 126 | 117 | 388 | 24.3 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 17 | 129 | 142 | 404 | 23.8 |
| Anthony, DEN | 16 | 135 | 98 | 380 | 23.8 |
| Stoudemire, NYK | 18 | 151 | 115 | 422 | 23.4 |
| James, MIA | 17 | 127 | 127 | 397 | 23.4 |
| Martin, HOU | 16 | 105 | 123 | 368 | 23.0 |
| Howard, ORL | 16 | 125 | 112 | 362 | 22.6 |
| Williams, UTA | 18 | 129 | 109 | 395 | 21.9 |
| Granger, IND | 15 | 115 | 56 | 326 | 21.7 |
| Beasley, MIN | 16 | 138 | 53 | 345 | 21.6 |
| Ginobili, SAN | 16 | 109 | 82 | 345 | 21.6 |
| Gay, MEM | 17 | 143 | 56 | 366 | 21.5 |
| Gasol, LAL | 17 | 144 | 77 | 365 | 21.5 |
| Wade, MIA | 16 | 113 | 103 | 341 | 21.3 |
| Richardson, PHX | 17 | 137 | 34 | 357 | 21.0 |
| Scola, HOU | 16 | 135 | 65 | 335 | 20.9 |
| Bargnani, TOR | 17 | 130 | 72 | 353 | 20.8 |
| Griffin, LAC | 18 | 140 | 83 | 363 | 20.2 |
| Curry, GOL | 15 | 110 | 58 | 301 | 20.1 |
| Pierce, BOS | 16 | 113 | 68 | 315 | 19.7 |
| Deng, CHI | 15 | 102 | 64 | 289 | 19.3 |
| Love, MIN | 17 | 110 | 87 | 323 | 19.0 |
| Millsap, UTA | 18 | 137 | 63 | 341 | 18.9 |
| Nash, PHX | 15 | 101 | 65 | 283 | 18.9 |

**Not including last night's games**

# CFL

## 98TH GREY CUP

### WEEK 22

**Sunday's result**
**At Edmonton**
Montreal 21 Saskatchewan 18

### GREY CUP CHAMPIONS

**2010** — Montreal Alouettes
**2009** — Montreal Alouettes
**2008** — Calgary Stampeders
**2007** — Saskatchewan Roughriders
**2006** — British Columbia Lions
**2005** — Edmonton Eskimos
**2004** — Toronto Argonauts

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

**2010** - MVP: Jamel Richardson, SB, Montreal; Canadian MVP: Keith Shologan, DT, Saskatchewan.
**2009** - MVP: Avon Cobourne, RB, Montreal; Canadian MVP: Ben Cahoon, SB, Montreal.
**2008** - MVP: Henry Burris, QB, Calgary; Canadian MVP: Sandro DeAngelis, K, Calgary.
**2007** - MVP: James Johnson, CB, Saskatchewan; Canadian MVP: Andy Fantuz, SB, Saskatchewan.
**2006** - MVP: Dave Dickenson, QB, B.C.; Canadian MVP: Paul McCallum, K, B.C.

# FOOTBALL

## NCAA

### AP TOP 25

**(All times Eastern)**
**Friday's gmame**
**No. 24** Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
**Saturday's games**
**No. 1** Oregon at Oregon State, 3:30 p.m.
**No. 2** Auburn vs. **No. 18** South Carolina (at Atlanta), 4 p.m.
**No. 9** Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
**No. 10** Oklahoma vs. **No. 13** Nebraska (at Arlington, Texas), 8 p.m.
**No. 12** Virginia Tech vs. **No. 20** Florida State (at Charlotte, N.C.), 7:45 p.m.
**No. 14** Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
**No. 23** West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon
**No. 25** Hawaii vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

# CRICKET

## ENGLAND VS. AUSTRALIA

**At Brisbane, Australia**
Scoreboard yesterday at the end of the first Ashes cricket Test at the Gabba:
**England won the toss**
**England, First Innings: 260**
**Australia, First Innings: 481**
**England, Second Innings**
**(overnight: 309 for one wicket)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Andrew Strauss st Haddin b North | 110 |
| Alastair Cook (not out) | 235 |
| Jonathan Trott (not out) | 135 |
| Extras (17b, 4lb, 6nb, 10w): | 37 |

Total: 517 for one wicket (declared). Overs: 152.
Did not bat: Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Ian Bell, Matt Prior, Stuart Broad, Graeme Swann, James Anderson, Steven Finn.
**Australia, Bowling:** Ben Hilfenhaus 32-8-82-0 (1w), Peter Siddle 24-4-90-0 (2w), Marcus North 19-3-47-1, Mitchell Johnson 27-5-104-0 (5w), Xavier Doherty 35-5-107-0, Shane Watson 15-2-66-0 (2w).
**Australia, Second innings**

| | |
|---|---|
| Simon Katich c Strauss b Broad | 4 |
| Shane Watson (not out) | 41 |
| Ricky Ponting (not out) | 51 |
| Extras (4b, 1lb, 1w, 5pen): | 11 |

**Total:** 107 for one wicket. **Overs:** 26.
**Fall of wickets:** 1-5.
**Did not bat:** Michael Clarke, Mike Hussey, Marcus North, Brad Haddin, Mitchell Johnson, Xavier Doherty, Peter Siddle, Ben Hilfenhaus.
England, Bowling: James Anderson 5-2-15-0, Stuart Broad 7-1-18-1 (1w), Graeme Swann 8-0-33-0, Steven Finn 4-0-25-0, Kevin Pietersen 2-0-6-0
**Result:** Match drawn.

# NFL

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 334 | 266 |
| N.Y. Jets | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 264 | 187 |
| Miami | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 205 | 225 |
| Buffalo | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 229 | 295 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indianapolis | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 282 | 252 |
| Jacksonville | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 240 | 294 |
| Houston | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 264 | 287 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 257 | 218 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 250 | 188 |
| Pittsburgh | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 254 | 181 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 216 | 229 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 225 | 288 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 285 | 231 |
| San Diego | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 310 | 225 |
| Oakland | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 255 | 256 |
| Denver | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 250 | 323 |

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Giants | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 277 | 240 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 310 | 257 |
| Washington | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 215 | 262 |
| Dallas | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 256 | 301 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 276 | 209 |
| New Orleans | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 265 | 197 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 219 | 223 |
| Carolina | 1 | 10 | 0 | .091 | 140 | 276 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 222 | 172 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 269 | 166 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 189 | 239 |
| Detroit | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 258 | 282 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 209 | 275 |
| St. Louis | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 213 | 231 |
| San Francisco | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 187 | 225 |
| Arizona | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 194 | 319 |

### WEEK 12

**Last night's result**
San Francisco 27 Arizona 6
**Sunday's results**
Atlanta 20 Green Bay 17
Baltimore 17 Tampa Bay 10
Chicago 31 Philadelphia 26
Cleveland 24 Carolina 23
Houston 20 Tennessee 0
Kansas City 42 Seattle 24
Miami 33 Oakland 17
Minnesota 17 Washington 13
N.Y. Giants 24 Jacksonville 20
Pittsburgh 19 Buffalo 16 (OT)
St. Louis 36 Denver 33
San Diego 36 Indianapolis 14
**Thursday's results**
New England 45 Detroit 24
New Orleans 30 Dallas 27
N.Y. Jets 26 Cincinnati 10

### WEEK 13

**Thursday's game**
**(All times Eastern)**
Houston at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
**Sunday, Dec. 5**
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
**Monday, Dec. 6**
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

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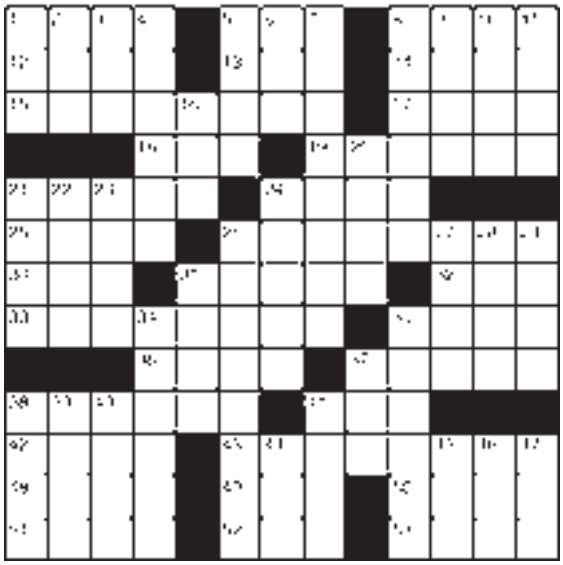
## Crossword



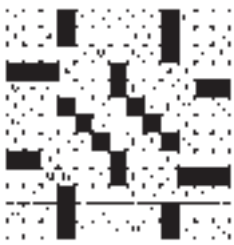
**Across**

1 Small plateau
5 Banned pesticide
8 Division word
12 Andy's pal
13 "— -la-la!"
14 — -do-well
15 Sucker
17 Hardly colorful
18 Single
19 Figures of speech
21 Speak (out) impulsively
24 Advertise
25 Old Italian money
26 Rein-vested money
30 "I — Camera"
31 One of Donald Duck's nephews
32 "— got it!"
33 Something retained from before
35 On the briny
36 Smell
37 Angry dog's sound
38 Group of fish
41 Summer mo.
42 Tackled weeds
43 Triangular pastry
48 Soprano's solo
49 Salamander
50 Easter flower
51 Hospital section
52 Two, in Tijuana
53 Staffer

**Down**

1 Chart
2 Ostrich's cousin
3 "Help!"
4 Off the boat
5 Peace symbol
6 Female deer
7 Michael Jackson classic
8 Deep reddish blue
9 Infamous lyre player
10 Squad
11 Spheres
16 Can. prov.
20 As required
21 Mediocre
22 Long car, for short
23 Caspian Sea feeder
24 Strength
26 Staged a mutiny
27 Passport endorsement
28 Always
29 Authentic
31 Extinct bird
34 Thingamajig
35 Luanda's land
37 Pistol
38 "Pygmalion" writer
39 Cat of "Iron Chef"
40 Estate recipient
41 — and crafts
44 Venusian vessel?
45 Half of XIV
46 Bygone days, in bygone days
47 "Catcher in the —"

▶ Yesterday's answer



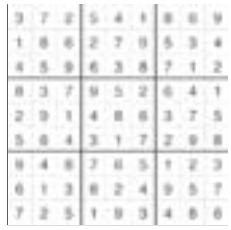
## Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 8 | | 5 | | 1 | | 4 | |
| 7 | 1 | 3 | | | | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | | |
| 6 | 9 | 5 | | | | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | 3 | | 2 | | 4 | | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | |

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶



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*Miguel, you're an incredible boyfriend and your support these past three and a half years has been VERY appreciated. Thank you and I love you babe.* **BABYGIRL XO**

*Flav, we've been through so much, but I know we'll make it. My love, my life, my strength, we just fit. Kisses on your side face!* **VAL**

*Miranda I am so happy you are next to me, you make my day!! thank you for all your help. I love you* **"THE LITTLE CHIQUIE"**

*Hey Poopie! I'm sending you this kiss today to brighten your day like you brighten mine. I love you with every breath in my body. Keep breathing.* **LOVE: YOUR POOBEAR**

*Grasshopper, I can't belive we've been together for over two blissful years. Who would have thunk. It's like a dream.* **XOXO, M**

## Today's horoscope

*For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to play@metronews.ca*

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** Everyone needs to have a dream. Don't let those who lack your imagination talk you out of trying to make your vision of a better life come true. You can, and you will, make it happen.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May** Venus, planet of harmony, moves into your opposite sign today, making it easier for you to get through to loved ones on an emotional level. They're waiting for you to reach out.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** The more of an effort you make to get along with colleagues, the more of an effort they will make to help you out with something that is too much for you to cope with on your own.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** You will find that the right opportunity comes at just the right time and in just the right way. After that, it's up to you. Seize the day and make it your own.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** Your home life may have been a bit chaotic lately, but from today it will start to settle down again. Domestic bliss is a necessary precondition to making the most of your creative talents. Soon, you'll be flying again.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Ignore what others say cannot be done and do it anyway. For them, it may be difficult, even impossible. But for you, it will be child's play — simply because you refuse to take it too seriously.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Positive news regarding your cash flow is due any day. Stop worrying about where your next dollar is coming from because negative thinking only pushes good things away. Think rich and you'll be rich. It's that simple.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** You may be intense by nature but you will relax considerably now that Venus is moving into your birth sign. Life is good and you can sense that it is about to get even better.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Others can lower their standards and settle for second best if they like, but you're not about to follow their example. You're No. 1 or you're nothing.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** What can you do to help friends through a rough patch? Tell them jokes. Make them smile. Laughter is always the best medicine.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Venus crosses the career angle of your chart today, smoothing your path to success by making it easy to get along with employers. They want to see you succeed. How much do you want it?

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** Stop worrying about the things you can't change and start enjoying the good things in life. You may think life has been hard of late but compared to most people, you've had it easy. SALLY BROMPTON

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PRIVILEGES

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|---|---|
| $1799 | $900 |
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### Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo

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|---|---|
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### Liberia via Toronto

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**Gran Bahia Principe Punta Cana • 4 1/2 ★**
All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 4 – 25 • 1 wk.

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|---|---|
| $1789 | $939 |
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**Paradisus Varadero Resort & Spa • 4 1/2 ★**
All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 7 & 14 • 1 wk.

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